

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON AND SENATORS DORSEY, LONG, AND NEVERS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1947(A), relative to special educational services and related  
3 issues, including but not limited to funding; to provide procedures for the  
4 reimbursement of costs of special education and related services provided to certain  
5 students, including residents of intermediate care facilities for people with  
6 developmental disabilities; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8           Section 1. R.S. 17:1947(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1947. Funding

A. Funding for public school special educational services as provided by  
local education agencies shall be as follows:

(1) Each local education agency shall provide special education and related services to students with exceptionalities who are located within its geographical boundaries, including children who are placed in a private residential facility or an intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled for any reason by any individual or agency; however, the agency shall pay the cost of such services only for such students who are residents within the geographical boundaries of the agency. Each local education agency shall provide child find and evaluation to nonresident students who attend a parentally placed private elementary or secondary school.

(2) If a local education agency provides special education and related services to a student with an exceptionality who is located within the geographical boundaries of such agency but is not a resident thereof, including children who are placed in a private residential facility or an intermediate care facility for the

developmentally disabled for any reason by any individual or agency, the cost of any special education and related services shall be reimbursed by the local education agency within the boundaries of which the student resides, except as provided in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

(3) If a student with an exceptionality is living in a private residential facility in this state but the student is not a resident of this state ~~or in the legal or permanent custody of a state agency,~~ the local education agency providing any special education and related services to that student shall be reimbursed by the residential facility for the cost of providing those services.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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